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1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOP THAT WE CAN ACCEPT WEEK OF MARCH 29-APRIL 2 FOR CONSULTATIONS. IF CONVENIENT, WE PROPOSE MARCH 29-31. U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE CO-CHAIRLED BY STEPHEN L. LANDE (ASSISTANT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, STR) AND CARL SCHMIDT (DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, STATE). THE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE TREASURY, AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND LABOR.

2. REGARDING QUESTION IN REF B AS TO WHETHER GOP COULD UNILATERALLY TERMINATE GSP AT ANY TIME, GOP SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT US GSP IS UNILATERAL GRANT BY DONOR COUNTRY AND IS NOT NEGOTIABLE. REGARDING TERMINATION QUESTION, WHILE GRANTING OR REMOVAL OF GSP BENEFICIARY STATUS FOR A COUNTRY IS THE UNILATERAL PREROGATIVE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT, A COUNTRY'S REQUEST FOR REMOVAL FROM BENEFICIARY STATUS IS UNLIKELY TO BE REFUSED. THE TRADE ACT REQUIRES THAT BEFORE REMOVING A COUNTRY FROM ELIGIBILITY BOTH

THE COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS BE GIVEN AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS NOTICE. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO ELABORATE ON THESE LEGAL ASPECTS WHEN THE CONSULTATIONS CONVENE. INGERSOLL

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